

6486 號六十八百四千六第 日八十月八年寅戊戌光 HONGKONG, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th, 1878. 六拜禮 號四十月九英 港香 [PRICE \$24. PER MONTH.]

INTIMATIONS

THEATRE  ROYAL,
CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING,
SEPTEMBER 14TH, 1873.

THE ROYAL ENGLISH OPERA AND
OPERA BOUFFE COMPANY.

THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING,
SEPTEMBER 14TH, 1873.

Will be produced
DONIZETTI'S MILITARY OPERA

CAST OF CHARACTERS.	
SERGEANT SULPICE	Mr. H. VARNON.
TOMIO	Mr. J. ROLLINGS.
HORTENSUUS	Mr. HODGON.
DUKE DE GRANDTETE	Mr. HAGMAN.
CORPORAL	Mr. GEASTONE.
DUCHESSES	Miss B. DRAGOE.
MARION	Miss A. DRAGOE.
MARIE	Miss ELCIA MAY.

During the Evening
MISS CLARA STANLEY
 will perform, for the first time, a
VIOLIN SOLO.
 Tickets to be had and Seats secured at Messrs.
KRUSE & CO.'S, where a Plan of the Theatre
 may be seen.

PRICES OF ADMISSION :

Dress Circle or Orchestra	} TWO DOLLARS.
Stalls	
Private Boxes	ONE DOLLAR.

Ladies unaccompanied by Gentlemen cannot be admitted.

Hongkong 12th September 1878. [1443]

FOR NINGPO AND SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship

Peters, Master, will be despatched for the above
Ports TO-DAY, the 14th instant, at 2 p.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.,
Hongkong, 13th September, 1878. [1538]

THE Steamship
"ESMERALDA"
 Callen, Master, will be despatched for the above
 Port on **MONDAY**, the 16th instant, at Noon.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.,
 Agents.
 Hongkong, 14th September, 1878. [154]

THE Steamship
"ALBANY"
 Captain F. Ashby, will be despatched for the
 above Port on **MONDAY**, the 16th instant, at
 Noon.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LIPPAIK & Co.,
 Agents.
 Hongkong, 14th September, 1875. (1539)
NOTICE TO MARINERS

CHINA SEA.

FOOCHOW DISTRICT—No. 3.

Notice is hereby given that the HALF-TIDE ROCK BEACON, situated in the River Min, 24 miles N N.E. of the Mingun Pass, will be TAKEN DOWN and RE-BUILT.

A BOAT will be STATIONED at a short distance to the Westward of this danger until the completion of the work. A RED FLAG will be FLOWN at the Mast Head during the day, and a RED LIGHT EXHIBITED at night from sunset

to sunrise.

C. H. NENEN,
Commissioner of Customs.

Custom House,
Foochow, 5th September, 1878. [621534]

NOTICE.

M O O R E & C^o,
VARIETY STORE
NEWS AGENTS AND TOBACCONISTS.
No. 42 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

WANTED, a EUROPEAN BANK
KEEPER of some years' experience
 for the **HONGKONG HOTEL.**
 Apply to the **Manager**,
Hongkong, 7th September, 1878. [11521]

ORIENTAL SUGAR REFINERY.
 The Undersigned, having effected a LEASE of
 the above **FACTORY, PLANT, &c.**, have to re-
 ceive that, until further notice, all **SPINRUGS**
 and **SALES** with relation to the business of the
 said Refinery be MADE to them, either at their
 Office, Queen's Road, or at the Refinery Pre-
 mises.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.
 Hongkong, 22nd Sept. 1878. [1909]

THE SECOND COLONIAL SEA AND
FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY
OF BATAVIA.

The Undersigned, AGENTS for the above Com-
 pany, are invited to GRANT POLICIES on

MAKING RISKS to all parts of the World.
SIRSMSEN & Co.,
Agents:
Hongkong, 2nd September, 1878. [1479]

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

BRITISH BARK "ADA MELMORE,"
FROM LONDON.

THE above-named Vessel, having arrived,
Consignments of Cargo by her are requested
to call at their BUs of Delivery in the Under

signed for Countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

MEYER & CO.

Hongkong, 14th September, 1878. [1w1542
**COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
 MARITIMES**
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES
CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are
 requested to send in their Bills of Lading
 to the undersigned for countersignature, and

landed and stored at their risk and expense.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
H. DUFOUEY,
Agent.
"EX-AMAZONE"
TH 1844, Mr. L. Thovinin, 1 case Lrk. from
Marseilles.
"EX-SIKER"
JPEL 1844, Mr. H. B. Order, 20 bales Mer-
chandise from London.
"EX-AMAZONE"
TH 1844, Mr. L. Thovinin, 1 case Lrk. from
Marseilles.

ME 1/8, Order, 6 cases Oil, from Marcellus
Hankook, 10th September, 1978

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All letters for publication should be written on one side of the paper only.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, SEPTEMBER 14th, 1929.

THE PROSECUTIONS instituted against the importers, middlemen, and publicans for the sale of spurious liquor in Hongkong, were brought to a rather singular and scarcely satisfactory conclusion yesterday.

The saying of old HORACE, *Parturient montes, nascetur ridiculus mus*, applies peculiarly in this instance. Three cases have been decided with the result that in the first the defendant escaped conviction through the analysis being imperfect or imperfectly described, while in others the only party who really receives any adequate penalty is the Chinese middleman, who has to submit to the confiscation of the remainder of the rubbish in his possession, while the importers get off with a paltry fine of \$24.

The matter is really a most serious one, for the consumption of such vile stuff is calculated to have most injurious effects not only on the poor-thinking merchant seamen, but also on the men of the fleet and the soldiers of the garrison. Who can say, for instance, to what extent the sickness among the garrison may be due to the imbibing of such stuff as this under the name of brandy?

We trust, however, that the action of the authorities in instituting these prosecutions may have the effect of stopping the importation of such deleterious compounds. The heavy fines recently imposed upon Chinese dealers in samshu for selling that baneful liquor to English soldiers and sailors will, it is to be hoped, have a deterrent effect. Both are serious evils levelled at a class incapable of protecting itself, and should be sternly put down by the strong arm of the law.

THE STATEMENT to which currency is given by our Shanghai contemporaries that His Excellency Kwon SUNG-RAO, the Chinese Ambassador to the Court of St. James, has been recalled is not an unexpected surprise. It has been known for some time that the terms for which Kwon was appointed were a brief one, and the Government of Peking doubtless has an object in recalling his expiration. The experience he has gained in England will naturally be very useful at home, and we shall probably see Kwon appointed to some high position in the Central Government on his return.

The successor-designate of His Excellency Kwon is, so far as we can gather, a very fit man for the post. The Marquis Tseu CHIAO, though he has never held any important official appointment, has the prestige of a great name, considerable private wealth, and a reputation for holding progressive opinions. He is also pro-foreign in his sympathies, and will not leave China with any very alarming burden of prejudices to shake off. He is about forty years of age, and therefore should be in the prime of his vigour. There is every reason to believe that he will prove as popular in London as the present, worthy Minister.

With regard to the changes in the Chinese

Legation in Berlin, we can only suppose that the appointment of Li PAN-RAO, the Secretary, as Chargé d'Affaires, is a temporary one, or else that it is due to the development of good relations in that official. His Excellency Li PAN-RAO, the present Ambassador, is not credited with particularly friendly feelings towards foreigners, and the change, therefore, would be most provocative of much regret. In no way has this Minister shown himself the equal of Kwon SUNG-RAO, nor has he succeeded in inspiring the same respectful good feeling. Whether this is due to a lack of bonhomie and geniality, or whether he is of a more retiring and less social disposition, we are unable to say. Certain it is, however, that Kwon is much more popular of the two, and will be most regretted when he leaves. We are glad to find, by successors being named for the recalled Ambassadors, that it is intended the Embassies in London and Berlin should be of a permanent character.

One of the greatest plagues in life is, in every country, admitted to be the servant plague. It is seldom that they give entire satisfaction anywhere; it often happens that they are an intolerable nuisance. At home cook is often wasteful and dirty; Jeanes is fat and lazy; the others are pert, inquisitive, and, sometimes, pious. In the East the native domestics are variously distinguished for laziness, impudence, dishonesty, dirtiness, or some other equally objectionable characteristic. Chinese servants are, on the whole, though susceptible of great improvement, superior to most Indians or Malays. Not only are they neater and smarter in their appearance, but they are not quite so indolent, less frequently addicted to drunkenness, and usually more tractable and attentive. It is true, they are fond of their perquisites, and everyone knows or might know that his "boy" makes a squeeze out of every Chinese tradesman's master deals with, from the washerman downwards, while the cook is always in league with the market compradore, who racks his ingenuity to increase the monthly bill. To put down this queering system would be a most difficult undertaking, and foreigners in the Far East as a rule have neither the time nor the inclination to attempt it. And yet it is decidedly annoying to know that one is being robbed and cheated by servants who are retained to look after one's interests as well as to perform certain household duties. It may, however, be a consolation to some servant-worried individuals to know that there are no places where we are envied the possession of fairly good and willing domestics. At Rangoon they appear to be very much worse off, and it is suggested in the columns of the *Rangoon Times* that European residents there should import Chinese domestics and thus be enabled to dispense with what our Rangoon contemporaries call "those robbing, lying, drunken, impudent, and in every way objectionable and vicious pests—the Madrasse boys."

We wish the people of Rangoon, every success in their new venture, but it may be as well to warn them not to expect perfection even in the Chinese "boy," who, as a rule, is not averse to little pickings, speaks the truth only when it suits him, is not always proof against the fascinations of samshu or brandy, and can be insolent enough on occasion. Still there is no doubt he is more trustworthy and industrious than the Madrasse "boy," and generally makes a fair return if not left too much to himself.

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SUPREME COURT

September 13th.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

BEFORE THE ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE.

Hon. F. S. BOWDEN.

Chas. S. of the Tye Lee Hong, No. 17, Bushan Street, was charged with the offence of being a bankrupt under the provisions of the Bankruptcy Ordinance, 1914, and was found guilty.

The liabilities as shown in the schedule amount to \$136,388.88, while the assets, including bad and doubtful debts, are set down at \$152,533.49.

The bankrupt petitioned for an order for the sale of his property in Hongkong and for the appointment of a receiver to manage the same.

The petition was granted, and an order was made for the sale of the property and for the appointment of a receiver.

Mr. Donny appeared in support of the petition.

POLICE COURT.

September 13th.

BEFORE THE HON. CHARLES MAY.

Selling Unwholesome Brandy.

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